

**TOWN COUNCIL MINTUES**  
**JUNE 26, 2024**

**Roll Call:** Michael Perkins                      Robert Nutting  
Dana Wrigley                                      David Groder

**ABSENT:** Donald Borman

**Others:** Kelly Pinney-Michaud, Town Manger      Kathleen Paradis, Deputy Clerk  
Abby Marshall, IT                                      Rick Stubbert, Police Chief  
Officer Chris Cowan                                      Boyd Snowden, Environmental Services Dept  
Michelle Fontaine                                      Andrew Barry  
Ron Gruber    Angela Jurdak  
Kelly Roderick

1: The meeting was called to order at 6:01PM

2: Pledge of Allegiance

3. It was moved by Dana Wrigley and seconded by Dave Groder and voted 4-0 accepting the minutes of the June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting and signing of the weekly warrant.

4. **Business Agenda:**

5. **Boyd Snowden 2024-2025 Sewer Budget:**

- I. Boyd gave an updated explanation of the 5% increase. The increase would be an average of 11 units at 5.25 currently of \$107.75 per quarter, with increase it would be \$113.11 this would average out to be \$20.00 per year. Do we increase the 5% on sewer users this year or scale to the mil rate increase short of the 5%. Bob Nutting questioned the \$579,00. Or no increase w/b \$27,000 a year. Bob suggested no increasing fees wait until next year even if we had to increase to 6% . Dave Groder suggested that a 27,000 increase would not make much of a difference. Dana Wrigley suggested that we wait for an increase until next year. Council voted on increase as follows: Dana Wrigley moved to wait on increase, Bob Nutting Second. It was voted 3-1 to delay the increase until next year.
- II. Project Update: Lower Oak Street completed, ran a little further at Fabain than expected. Estimated cost \$735,000. The project ran \$60,00 over budget.

- III. Phase 2: South Alpine Street-going with original plan this project would be \$60,00 under budget. 2-3 weeks ago, Sawtelle Road manhole cover replaced. 2 prices-DOT slab-riser on Oak Street; Options: take out South Alpine Street which would cost \$268,000-\$270,000, and leave \$100,000 line to replace in town, which is do what we can on Oak Street and complete South Alpine at a later time. Boyd also stated that there was option 3 which would be to complete all jobs and pull in more money out of reserve fund. Boyd did request a grant of \$500,000.00 and received \$500,000.00. It was moved by Dana Wrigley for option 3 and seconded by Dave Groder and voted 4-0 to complete job.

#### **6. Appointment of Board Committees:**

It was moved by Dana Wrigley and second by Bob Nutting to approve board committee members. Voted 4-0 to approve.

#### **7. 1113 Kennedy Memorial Drive-Warrant Preview, & Dates:**

Town Manager Kelly Pinney-Michaud advised the council that we would like to have a Budget and Advisory Meeting on July 15, to have the council and committees recommendation for the purchase of the 1113 Kennedy Memorial Drive. We would then hold a Public Hearing on July 22 with a Special Town Meeting on July 31 allowing the citizens to vote. It was moved by Dana Wrigley and Second by Dave Groder and voted 4-0 to proceed with purchase of the residence.

#### **8. Cemetery Trees:**

Town Manager Advised the council and showed power point of 8-10 trees that are rotten or have been poked through by a woodpecker, etc. The cost would \$10,000 , but if all trees were taken down at the same time it would be \$9500.00. The money would be able to come out of the Trust Fund Account. Dana Wrigley suggested that we clean up the trees and use the money from the Trust fund. It was second by Bob Nutting and voted 4-0 to have the trees taken down.

#### **9. Lease To Own Purchase-Bank Bids for FY25:**

Town Manager explained that we had 3 lease bids, but one had backed out leaving the following:

**Androscoggin Bank:** #1: 5.9% for 3 years with investing in CDs.

#2: No CD Deposit and would be at 6.5%-\$500 more then with CD

**Municipal Lending:** 5.69%. Town Manager has worked with Municipal Lending previously and suggested that we should consider going with this bid.

It was moved by Dana Wrigley and second by Bob Nutting to go with bid from Municipal Leasing. It was voted 4-0 to accept the Municipal Leasing bid.

**Other Business:**

Angela Jurdak inquired from the council why they have not answered her email regarding her question to approve funding of \$2500 for the Summer Enrichment Program at the library. Angela stated that Bob had answered her email and was just wondering if this could be approved. Bob Nutting stated that he told Angela in her email that it would be up the head librarian and she would have to approach the council to discuss this matter. The Town Manager advised Angela that she would be speaking with Sheila Rogers, head librarian, regarding this matter.

It was moved by Michael Perkins seconded by Dana Wrigley and voted 4-0 to enter Executive Session: Personnel Matters 1 MRSA §405 (60)(a) at 6:55pm.

It was moved by Michael Perkins, seconded by Dana Wrigley, and voted 4-0 to come out of executive section at 7:31pm with no votes taken.

**Adjournment:**

Moved by David Groder seconded by Dana Wrigley and voted 4-0 to adjourn at 7:32pm.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

7/15/24- Budget and Advisory Meeting-6:00pm-Police Station

7/17/24- Council Meeting @**OAKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY** 6:00pm

7/18/24- Oakfest Meeting 4:00pm-Police Station

7/22/24- Memorial Hall Committee-4:00pm Police Station

7/31/24- Public Hearing-reference: 1113 Kennedy Memorial Drive property.